IV. REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2204 in connection with the above identified patent application. Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-6 and 8-15 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1,2,4 and 8-15 have been amended; claim 3 has been cancelled.

As the Examiner suggested, the specification has been amended by submitting appropriate correction.

As the Examiner suggested, claims 1, 2, 4 and 8 to 16 have been amended in order to overcome rejections under 35 USC 112.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants' counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

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